

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

If the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues in any of the claims now pending in the application, the Examiner is urged to telephone Edward M. Fink, Esq. at (732) 563-0440 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Specification amendment

The specification has been amended to correct the error in the description of Fig. 11.

Claims 86-136 are currently pending in this application.

Applicant's invention is directed to a method for forming a package comprising at least one mass including natural polymers injection molded in a heated mold such that cross-linking of the natural polymers occurs. Thereafter, a first and second coating is applied thereto in a manner such that at least part of the resultant product is covered by the first and second coating and the remaining part of the product is covered by the first or second coating or not covered by either the first or second coating or any other coating.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected claims 86-134 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. Claims 86 and 87 included a typographical error which has been corrected.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 86-105, 107-111, 114, 119-123 and 128-136 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anderson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,863,772) in view of Reil (U.S. Patent No. 4,526,314 in further view of Mueller (U.S. Patent No. 4,098,742 and Keeler (U.S. Patent No. 4,172,064) for reasons of record.

Applicant has again reviewed the contention of the Examiner and, once again, respectfully take issue with the conclusions reached.

It is well known that heating means are not provided in ordinary injection molding molds, especially not for heating a plastic mass to elevate the temperature above the injection temperature. Moreover, cooking is not shown in such mold. In fact, an examination of a dictionary reveals that such meaning is not disclosed. Heating is performed prior to injection.

The strengthening of the coating is far different from preventing damage to a fold line. In the use of coatings according to the present invention, the coatings

increase flexibility and at the same time strengthen the surface. Additionally, the difference in surface tension is relevant both between the surface and the first coating and between the two coatings. Still further, the Examiner has provided no basis whatsoever for combining Anderson and Reil. These patentees focus their interests upon different types of products made in totally different procedures. Anderson discloses folds that are sufficient in themselves. One skilled in the art would therefore not seek improvement by using tape as shown by Reil. And this is especially clear since Anderson is concerned with mono material products which very clearly teaches away from the use of adhesives or tape.

Accordingly, the various theses for rejection generated by the Examiner clearly are at odds with the claimed invention wherein the use of the heated molds in an injection molding process are contrary to that which is claimed herein. Accordingly, it is urged that the rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, it is urged that the Examiner recognize that the rejections created are based upon a combination of references which are selected from differing materials. The combination of references proposed clearly does not lead to the teachings described in the instant invention.

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Reconsideration and allowance of claims 86-136 are
most earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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